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SUBJECT: MGVE01: VENEZUELA MONITORING GROUP: SITREP NO.

1 AS OF 1300 EST, FEBRUARY 4, 1992

1. (U) REBEL SURRENDER REPORTED: AT ABOUT 1155 EST THE
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MINISTER OF DEFENSE REPORTED THAT ALL REBELS INVOLVED IN
THIS MORNING'S ATTEMPTED COUP HAD SURRENDERED. NO
CONFIRMATION IS YET AVAILABLE. AT ABOUT 1130 EST A
REBEL LEADER APPEARED ON TV URGING HIS COMRADES TO
SURRENDER. AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE REGAINING CONTROL
IN MARACAIBO. (MG/EMBASSY CARACAS AND MG/CONSULATE
MARACAIBO TELCONS)

2. (C) MOTIVATION FOR COUP UNKNOWN: THE COUP-PLOTTERS
MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MOTIVES FOR THE
COUP. COUP LEADERS SEEM TO BE CONCENTRATED IN MID-LEVEL

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(MG/EMBASSY CARACAS TELCON, CARACAS 1122)

3. (C) SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTION: THE GOV HAS
SUSPENDED CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES FOR TEN DAYS.
(CARACAS 1128)

4. (U) LATIN AMERICAN CONDEMNATION: SIXTEEN LATIN
AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE, COORDINATED
BY COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT GAVIRIA, CONDEMNING THE COUP BID.
(REUTER)

5. (C) HOSTAGE GOVERNOR RELEASED: ZULIA STATE GOVERNOR
PAZ, HELD IN MARACAIBO, HAS BEEN RELEASED BY HIS REBEL
CAPTORS. (MG/CONSULATE MARACAIBO TELCON)

6. (U) NO REPORTED AMCIT INJURIES: EMBASSY HAS NO
REPORTS OF INJURIES TO U.S. CITIZENS IN VENEZUELA.
(MG/EMBASSY CARACAS TELCON)

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7. (U) OAS MEETING: THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL WILL
MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN WASHINGTON AT 1600 EST.
(MG/USOAS TELCON)

8. (U) EMBASSY ACTIVITY: THE EMBASSY IS OPERATING WITH
HALF ITS U.S. STAFF. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OFFICERS
REPORT THEY ARE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT CARACAS AND MARACAIBO
RELATIVELY FREELY. THE CARACAS COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IS
OPEN, BUT THE AIRPORT IN MARACAIBO IS CLOSED, ALTHOUGH
IN GOVERNMENT HANDS.
(MG/EMBASSY CARACAS AND MG/CONSULATE MARACAIBO TELCONS)

9. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BAKER

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